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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Request of US Public Health Service,
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
for Intelligence Support

1. CIA has received a request for intelligence support from the US Public Health Service (USPHS) based on the delegation to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) by the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA), with the approval of the President, of responsibilities for biological, chemical, and radiological warfare defense programs (see Enclosure A). The request states that "To properly carry out these responsibilities it is necessary to have access to information bearing on the current and long-range capabilities and intentions of the countries behind the Iron Curtain". The specific fields in which support is requested are as follows:

Atomic Warfare
Biological Warfare
Chemical Warfare
Radiological Warfare
Psychological Warfare
Mental Health and Psychological Problems
Communicable Diseases
Civil Defense Activities

2. Your attention is invited to IAC actions regarding intelligence support for FCDA contained in IAC-D-20, 1 May 1951; IAC-D-20/1, 4 May 1951; and IAC-D-20/2, 24 May 1951. Enclosure A contains the delegation of certain responsibilities from FCDA to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and Enclosure B contains the assignment of certain of these responsibilities to the USPHS by the Secretary. Dr. Theodore W. Babbitt, Planning Staff, FCDA, has indicated that in his opinion there is a need for the intelligence support requested.

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3. In view of the delegation of responsibilities from FCDA to HEW contained in Enclosure A, it is recommended (1) that the IAC authorize the several intelligence agencies to provide the US Public Health Service with intelligence as described in paragraph 1 above in the same manner as is now done for FCDA (see references above) and (2) that selected national intelligence estimates related to the civil defense mission of the USPHS be individually approved for release by the IAC and (3) that these procedures be effective only after CIA has investigated and approved the security arrangements of the USPHS for handling these materials and has so notified the IAC.

4. Please telephone your concurrence or non-concurrence in these recommendations to the Secretariat, code 143, extension 25X1 by the close of business 1 June 1955.

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Secretary

Enclosures (2)

Enclosures A and B are unclassified when removed from covering memorandum.

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FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION
Washington, D. C.

FCDA DELEGATION NO. 1

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 201 (b) of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 1248), and in the interest of the development of the National Civil Defense Program contemplated by the said act, including action in support of the States during a civil-defense emergency, I hereby delegate to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare the following-described responsibilities:

1. Plan a national program, develop technical guidance for States, and direct Federal activities concerned with financial assistance for the temporary relief or aid of civilians injured or in want as the result of attack.
2. Plan, program, and develop technical guidance for the States and direct Federal activities concerned with the acquisition, transportation, and payment for clothing of civilians in want as a result of attack.
3. Plan a national program, develop technical guidance for States, and direct Federal civil-defense activities concerned with research with respect to, and detection, identification, and control of: (1) communicable diseases in humans, (2) biological warfare against humans; (3) chemical warfare against humans, and (4) other public health hazards.
4. Plan, develop, and direct Federal activities concerned with a national program designed to provide Public Health Service reserve professional personnel from support areas to those damaged by enemy attack.

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5. Plan, develop, and distribute through appropriate channels, training materials for incorporation in the curricula of schools and colleges throughout the United States in order to integrate the teaching, in all possible courses, of civil-defense skills, and knowledge and fundamentals of behavior during emergencies.
6. Plan, develop, and distribute, through appropriate channels, technical guidance concerning the provision of shelter and other protective measures, designed to minimize injury to personnel and reduce damage to vital functional components of educational institutions and hospitals and of water, sewer, and other public-health facilities.
7. Plan a national program, develop technical guidance for States and direct Federal activities concerned with the emergency restoration of community facilities essential to health or functional components thereof for which the Public Health Service normally has regular operating programs.
8. Plan a national program, conduct research, develop technical guidance for States, and direct Federal activities designed to meet the extraordinary needs for food and drug inspection and control in attacked areas.
9. During a civil defense emergency, employ temporarily additional personnel without regard to the civil-service laws and incur such obligations on behalf of the United States as may be required to meet the civil-defense requirements of an attack or of an anticipated attack.
10. Disseminate such civil-defense information as may be approved from time to time by the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

In carrying out its responsibilities hereunder, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare shall be governed by the following:

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1. The Federal Civil Defense Administrator shall provide basic assumptions, criteria, and standards relating to the said responsibilities and shall review and coordinate the carrying out of such responsibilities.
2. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare shall take into consideration assignments respecting mobilization preparedness measures made to it by the Office of Defense Mobilization.
3. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare as the agency having primary responsibility for the matters hereby delegated to it, shall undertake to coordinate directly with other Federal agencies concerned.
4. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare shall be responsible, after consultation with the Federal Civil Defense Administration, for requesting such appropriations as may be required for its delegated responsibilities.
5. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare shall make such reports as may be required by the Federal Civil Defense Administrator to insure consistency with national civil-defense policies and standards.

The provisions hereof shall become effective upon the date of approval by the President.

/s/

Val Peterson
Federal Civil Defense Administrator

Date: July 14, 1954

APPROVED: July 14, 1954

/s/

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Excerpts from

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Interim Department Order 8

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE
DELEGATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATION, AND WELFARE BY THE FEDERAL
CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATOR, DATED
JULY 14, 1954

1. Purpose. The Federal Civil Defense Administrator, with the approval of the President, has delegated to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare certain emergency and pre-emergency civil-defense responsibilities as contained in FCDA Delegation No. 1 (19 F. R. 4546). The purpose of this Interim Department Order is (a) to make appropriate assignments of the pre-emergency responsibilities to constituent organizations of the Department to cover planning, technical guidance, and direction of Federal activities necessary for preparedness; and (b) to set forth related arrangements necessary to assure coordination and compliance with the terms and limitations of the Delegation.

2. Assignments of Responsibility. Subject to the limitations contained in items 1 through 5 in the second part of the Delegation, and until the declaration of a state of civil-defense emergency pursuant to law, the following assignments of responsibility within the Department are made:

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To the Public Health Service

Plan a national program, develop technical guidance for States, and direct Federal civil-defense activities concerned

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with research with respect to, and detection, identification, and control of: (1) Communicable diseases in humans, (2) biological warfare against humans, (3) chemical warfare against humans and (4) other public health hazards.

Plan, develop, and direct Federal activities concerned with a national program designed to provide Public Health Service reserve professional personnel from support areas to those damaged by enemy attack.

Plan a national program, develop technical guidance for States and direct Federal activities concerned with the emergency restoration of community facilities essential to health or functional components thereof for which the Public Health Service normally has regular operating programs. Plan, develop, and distribute, through appropriate channels, technical guidance concerning the provision of shelter and other protective measures, designed to minimize injury to personnel and reduce damage to vital functional components of . . . hospitals and of water, sewer, and other public-health facilities.

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/s/

Oveta Culp Hobby
Secretary

August 9, 1954

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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT ON INTELLIGENCE DEFICIENCIES ON
NIE-60, "CIVIL DEFENSE IN THE USSR"

The IAC representatives, on 9 July, held a post-mortem meeting on NIE-60, "Civil Defense in the USSR." A report on that meeting follows:

"I. SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

"1. Apart from the production of NIE's, each of the IAC agencies, in assessing Soviet capabilities and as an indication of Soviet intentions, considers important the systematic acquisition and processing of information relevant to the Soviet civil defense effort.

"2. Each agency now does some work in this field in conjunction with the discharge of its responsibilities but no agency attempts to cover the entire field.

"3. NIE-60 is considered essentially a research report and, as such, subsequent publications of similar scope ought to be published in a reports series and ought not to carry the NIE label.

"II. CONCLUSIONS

"4. The subject of civil defense in the USSR is of sufficient importance to the preparation of future estimates on the Soviet Union to warrant action to insure systematic processing of relevant information.

"5. The preparation of contributions on civil defense aspects of subsequent NIE's covering Soviet capabilities and intentions would be facilitated if, in addition to the present individual agency efforts, there were established in the intelligence community a focal point for the purpose of keeping in touch with and coordinating as necessary the work of the intelligence community in this field.

"III. RECOMMENDATION

"6. That CIA/ORR be designated as the focal point within the intelligence community for the above purpose."

Secretary

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